Preparation of New Nitrogen-Bridged Heterocycles. XXIII.¹⁾ Syntheses and Reactions of Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols. (1)

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Some pyridinium 1-[[(2-substituted ethyl)thio]thiocarbonyl]aminides (4a—h) were prepared in moderate yields by the reactions of N-unsubstituted pyridinium aminides (2a—e) with carbon disulfide and ethyl acrylate (3a) or acrylonitrile (3b). The S-alkylations of these aminides 4a—h with bromoacetonitrile (5a) or ethyl bromoacetate (5b) at room temperature and the subsequent treatment of the resulting pyridinium salts with 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) and then with chloranil at 0°C gave the corresponding 2-[(2-substituted ethyl)thio]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine derivatives (6a—p) in 40—75% yields. The β -eliminations of the 2-substituents in these pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines 6a—p with potassium tert-butoxide in N,N-dimethylfomamide (DMF) proceeded smoothly to provide the title compounds, pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols (7a—j), in good yields along with the release of 3a, b.

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In our recent papers²⁾ we described a new synthetic approach to some 2-indolizingthiol derivatives which have been proved to be versatile intermediates for various polyfunctionalized indolizines and some thiophene-fused indolizines.³⁾ In particular, the main features of this method are the easy introduction of the protecting groups, 2-cyanoethyl and 2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl groups, by means of the Michael addition, and the smooth deprotection by β -elimination reaction. Olefin syntheses by the β eliminations of various substrates are very familiar, 4) but the use of 2-cyanoethyl and 2-ethoxycarbonylethyl groups as protecting groups for a mercapto function has scarcely been documented.⁵⁾ The success of this reaction sequence in an indolizine system prompted us to investigate a further extension to another heterocyclic system, pyrazolo[1,5a pyridine, since the corresponding pyrazolo [1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols and their S-functionalized derivatives are synthetically and pharmaceutically interesting.⁶⁾ In this paper we wish to report the preparation and deprotection of some S-protected pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine derivatives.

Results and Discussion

Preparations of Pyridinium 1-Aminides (4a—h) Pyridinium 1-(thiocarbonyl)aminides (4a—h) having a (2-

ethoxycarbonylethyl)thio or (2-cyanoethyl)thio group on the thiocarbonyl carbon were prepared in 33—49% yields by the reactions of freshly prepared pyridinium N-unsubstituted 1-aminides $2a-e^{7}$ with carbon disulfide and ethyl acrylate (3a) or acrylonitrile (3b) in ethanol (Chart 1). As has been proposed in connection with the preparations of similar types of pyridinium 1-methylides, 2) the formation of these aminides 4a-h can be considered to proceed via the addition of carbon disulfide to the anionic nitrogen in the aminides 2a-e followed by the Michael addition of the resulting pyridinium 1-(dithiocarboxy)aminides to the oleflnic compounds 3a, b.

The presence of the S-protecting groups, 2-ethoxy-carbonylethyl and 2-cyanoethyl groups, in these aminides **4a—h** was shown clearly by the characteristic absorption bands due to an ester carbonyl (1703—1720 cm⁻¹) or a cyano group (2239 or 2240 cm⁻¹) in the infrared (IR) spectra, and by four proton multiplet signals in the range of δ 2.5—3.6 attributable to the ethylene group in the proton nuclear magnetic resonance (¹H-NMR) spectra.

Preparations of S-Protected Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines (6a—p) When pyridinium 1-aminides 4a—h were treated with bromoacetonitrile (5a) in chloroform at room temperature for 3—6 d and the resulting pyridinium salts

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Chart 2

TABLE I. ¹H-NMR Spectral Data for 2-(Substituted Ethylthio)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines

Compd.	δ (CD	OCl ₂) ^{a)}									
6	C-4	C-4 C-5		C-6	C-7	SCH ₂ CH ₂		R'		R ⁵	
6a	7.67	7.44		6.64	8.49	2.85	3.50	1.28	4.19	_	
	br d	br t		dt	br d	br t	br t	t	q		
6b	7.2-	-7.7		6.79	2.75	2.89	3.49	1.24	4.15		
	n	n		br d	S	br t	br t	t	q		
6c	7.37	2.41		6.74	8.33	2.80	3.42	1.23	4.13	_	
	br s	s		dd	d	br t	br t	t	q		
6d	7.38	1.20	2.72	6.77	8.39	2.79	3.40	1.23	4.12		
	br s	t	q	dd	d	br t	br t	t	q		
6e	2.57	6.97		2.27	8.16	2.76	3.38	1.23	4.13		
	S	br s		s	br s	br t	br t	t	q		
6f	7.3-	7.9		7.00	8.54	2.90	3.43		_	_	
	n	n		đt	br d	m	m				
6g	7.2-	-7.8		6.87	2.75	2.97	3.50			_	
	n	n		br d	s	m	m				
6h	7.42	2.45		6.81	8.37	2.89	3.39			_	
	br s	s		dd	d	m	m				
6i	8.05	7.35		6.83	8.44	2.86	3.43	1.26	4.11	1.40	4.3
	br d	br t		dt	br d	br t	br t	t	q	t	q
6j	7.98	7.32		6.73	2.74	3.10	3.52	1.26	4.18	1.44	4.3
	br d	q		br d	s	br t	br t	t	q	t	q
6k	7.79	2.38		6.64	8.31	2.84	3.39	1.25	4.12	1.37	4.3
	br s	s		dd	d	br t	br t	t	q	t	q
61	7.83	1.26	2.82	6.69	8.34	2.64	3.42	1.26	4.13	1.41	4.3
	br s	t	q	dd	d	br t	br t	t	q	t	q
6m	2.58	6.92		2.21	8.09	2.83	3.37	1.24	4.11	1.36	4.3
	S	br s		s	br s	br t	br t	t	q	t	q
6n	8.03	7.39		6.82	8.42	2.85	3.38	_	•	1.38	4.3
	br d	br t		dt	br d	m	m			t	q
6 0	7.94	7.31		6.74	2.73	3.00	3.51			1.44	4.3
	br d	q		br d	s	m	m			t	q
6р	7.79	2.38		6.71	8.30	2.91	3.34	_		1.38	4.3
-	br s	s		dd	d	m	m			t	q

a) The coupling constants are as follows: $J_{4,5} = 9.0$, $J_{5,6} = J_{6,7} = 7.0$, $J_{4,6} = 2.0$, $J_{\text{ethylene}} = ca$. 7.0, and $J_{\text{El}} = 7.0 \, \text{Hz}$.

were allowed to react with DBU and then chloranil in an ice bath, the expected 2-[(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)thio]-(6a—e) and 2-[(2-eyanoethyl)thio]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carbonitriles (6f—h) were obtained in 40—69% yields. Similar reactions of the aminides 4a—h with ethyl bromoacetate (5b), DBU, and chloranil gave the corre-

sponding ethyl pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carboxylates (6i—p) in 50—75% yields, respectively (Chart 2).

The ¹H-NMR spectra (Table I) of these pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine derivatives **6a**—**p** showed characteristic proton signals due to the 2-substituents at δ 2.76—3.10 (2H) and δ 3.37—3.52 (2H) as broad triplets or multiplets (ethylene

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group), and at δ near 1.25 (3H, t) and 4.15 (2H, q) (ethoxyl group), together with the signals of the skeletal protons $(\delta 6.64-8.54)$, the methyl groups $(\delta 2.21-2.75)$, and the ethyl groups (δ 1.20 or 1.26 and 2.72 or 2.82 (skeletal), and δ near 1.40 and 4.30 (ester)). The chemical shifts and signal patterns of the skeletal protons and methyl protons are grossly similar to those of pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines prepared previously by us⁸⁾ and by other investigators,⁹⁾ and the chemical shifts of ethylene groups are also almost the same as those of 2-[(2-substituted ethyl)thio]indolizines reported recently by us.²⁾ The IR spectra of compounds 6a—p clearly exhibited the unique absorption bands supporting our proposed structures; for example, normal ester carbonyl bands are seen at $1718-1733 \,\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$, α , β -unsaturated ones at 1670—1688 cm⁻¹, normal cyano bands at 2238—2247 cm⁻¹, and α,β -unsaturated ones at 2208—2220 cm⁻¹. The elementary analyses of **6a**—**p** were

TABLE II. 1H-NMR Spectral Data for Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols

Compd.	S (CI	$\operatorname{OCl}_3)^{a)}$						===	
Compu.		C-5		C-6	C-7	SH	F	₹5	
7a	7.2-	7.9		6.96	8.43	3.64	_		
	I	n		dt	br d	br s			
7b	7.1-	7.8		6.81	2.75	3.75			
	1	n		br d	S	br s			
7c	7.37	2.43		6.76	8.36	3.84			
	br s	S		dd	d	br s			
7d	7.38	1.29	2.73	6.82	8.37	3.79			
	br s	t	q	dd	d	br s			
7e	2.70	7.05	-	2.36	8.13	3.40	_		
	s	br s		s	br s	br s			
7 f	8.03	7.40		6.86	8.44	5.48	1.40	4.37	
	br d	br t		dt	br d	br s	t	q	
7 g	7.95	7.34		6.72	2.72	5.08	1.43	4.41	
	br d	q		br d	s	br s	t	q	
7h	7.77	2.40		6.69	8.33	5.28	1.41	4.36	
	br s	S		dd	d	br s	t	q	
7 i	7.77	1.29	2.72	6.70	8.30	5.86	1.44	4.35	
	br s	t	q	dd	d	br s	t	q	
7j	2.65	6.90	-	2.27	7.99	5.35	1.44	4.34	
	s	br s		s	br s	brs	t	q	

The coupling constants are as follows: $J_{4,5} = 9.0$, $J_{5,6} = J_{6,7} = 7.0$, $J_{4,6} = 2.0$, and $J_{F,1} = 7.0$ Hz.

also in good accord with their proposed compositions.

Preparations of Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols(7a-j) According to the procedure reported earlier by us,²⁾ the reaction of 2-[(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)thio]pyrazolo[1,5a]pyridine-3-carbonitrile (6a) with potassium tert-butoxide in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) at room temperature for 2h followed by the quenching of the reaction mixture with diluted hydrochloric acid gave the expected 2mercaptopyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-3-carbonitrile (7a) as colorless crystals in 77% yield. The same compound 7a was also obtained in 79% yield by the reaction of the 2-[(2cyanoethyl]thio derivative 6f with the same reagents. Similar reactions of S-protected pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines 6b-e, 6i and 6n, and 6j—m provided the corresponding pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiol derivatives 7b—i in 68—95% yields, respectively. In these reactions the smooth evolution of ethyl acrylate (3a) or acrylonitrile (3b) was not only confirmed by the characteristic odor but also detected by gas chromatographic monitoring of the reaction solutions of **6a**, **c**, **f**, **n** (Chart 3).

The structures of these 2-mercapto derivatives 7a—j could be easily determined by confirming the disappearance of the protecting groups and the presence of the newly formed mercapto function in their 1H -NMR spectra (Table II) and IR spectra; for example, the 1H -NMR spectra did not show any significant proton signals due to the 2-ethoxy-carbonylethyl or 2-cyanoethyl group but exhibited a distinct mercapto proton signal as a broad singlet at δ 3.64—3.84 (R 5 =CN) or 5.08—5.86 (R 5 =COOEt). In the IR spectra, the characteristic absorption bands attributable to the mercapto, the α , β -unsaturated cyano, and the α , β -unsaturated carbonyl groups appeared in the ranges of 2390—2595, 2211—2219, and 1662—1690 cm $^{-1}$, respectively.

In conclusion, some pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiol derivatives 7a—j which are inaccessible by other methods were prepared with ease by the reaction sequence using the combination of the Michael addition and β -elimination, and the utility of 2-ethoxycarbonylethyl and 2-cyanoethyl groups as protecting groups for a mercapto function has been proved.

Chart 3

Experimental

Melting points were measured with a Yanagimoto micromelting point apparatus and are uncorrected. The microanalyses were carried out on a Perkin–Elmer 240 elemental analyzer. The $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectra were determined with a Varian EM360A spectrometer in deuteriochloroform with tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and the chemical shifts are expressed in δ values. The IR spectra were taken with a Hitachi 260-10 infrared spectrophotometer. The gas chromatography was performed with Shimadzu GS-4B gas chromatograph using a stainless steel column $(3\,\text{mm}\times2\,\text{m})$ packed with diethylene glycol–succinate polyester.

Preparations of Pyridinium 1-(Thiocarbonyl)aminides (4a-h). General **Method** A solution of hydroxylamine—O-sulfonic acid (11.1 g, 0.1 mol)⁷⁾ in 50 ml of water was neutralized with aqueous sodium hydroxide (4.0 g (0.1 mol) in 30 ml of water) in an ice bath. A pyridine derivative (0.15 mol) was added to the solution and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2-3 d. Anhydrous potassium carbonate (13.8 g, 0.1 mol) and then ethanol (200 ml) were added to the solution; the resulting suspension was stirred for an additional 0.5h, and then filtered to remove insoluble substances. The filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in ethanol (100 ml). The ethanolic solution was again filtered and the filtrate was allowed to react with carbon disulfide (10 g, 0.13 mol) and ethyl acrylate (3a, 10 g, 0.1 mol) or acrylonitrile (3b, 5.3 g, 0.1 mol) in a water bath (10 °C) for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography (alumina) using chloroform as an eluent. After the removal of the solvent, the crude product was recrystallized from chloroform-ether to give the corresponding pyridinium 1-(thiocarbonyl)aminides 4a-h.

The results are listed in Table III together with the spectral and analytical

data.

Preparations of S-Protected Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines (6a—p). General Method A chloroform solution (30 ml) of a pyridinium 1-(thiocarbonyl)-aminide (4, 5 mmol) and bromoacetonitrile (5a, 0.60 g, 6 mmol) or ethyl bromoacetate (5b, 1.00 g, 6 mmol) was kept standing for 3—6 d until the aminide was no longer detectable by thin layer chromatographic monitoring. An additional 30 ml of chloroform was poured into the solution and the resulting solution of pyridinium salt was allowed to react with DBU (0.91 g, 6 mmol) for 10 min and then with chloranil (1.23 g, 5 mmol) in an ice bath for 6h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography (alumina) using chloroform as an eluent. Evaporation of the solvent followed by recrystallization of the crude compound afforded the corresponding 2-[(2-substituted ethyl)thio]pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine derivatives 6a—p.

The results and some data are summarized in Tables I and IV.

Preparations of Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols(7a—j). General Method Potassium tert-butoxide (0.168 g, 1.5 mmol) was added to a DMF solution (2 ml) of 2-[(2-ethoxycarbonylethyl)thio]- or 2[(2-cyanoethyl)thio]-pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine (6, 1 mmol), at room temperature; after sufficient stirring using a spatula, the resulting mixture was kept standing for an additional 2 h. The reaction solution was neutralized with dilute hydrochloric acid, and the precipitates separated were collected by filtration and washed twice with water (20 ml). The crude product was dissolved again in chloroform (30 ml) and freed from water by filtration through a phase separating filter paper. The filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was separated by column chromatography (alumina) using chloroform as an eluent. Evaporation of the solvent followed by recrystallization from ethanol gave the corresponding

TABLE III. Some Data for Pyridinium 1-Aminides

								Analysis (%)						
Compd.	Rea		Yield	mp	v (KBr)	δ (CDCl ₃)	Formula	Calcd			Found			
4 ^{a)}	1	3	(%)	(°C)	, (1121)	SCH ₂ CH ₂ R'		C	Н	N	C	Н	N	
4a	1a	3a ·	44	94—95	1714, 975	2.5—3.4 m	$C_{11}H_{14}N_2O_2S_2$	48.87	5.22	10.36	48.75	5.10	10.60	
4b	1b	3a	48	9798	1719, 983	2.5—3.5 m	$C_{12}H_{16}N_2O_2S_2$	50.68	5.67	9.85	50.61	5.64	9.96	
4c	1c	3a	40	110111	1718, 977	2.5—3.5 m	$C_{12}H_{16}N_2O_2S_2$	50.68	5.67	9.85	50.48	5.67	10.04	
4d	1d	3a	33	105107	1720, 980	2.5—3.5 m	$C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_2S_2$	52.32	6.08	9.39	52.44	5.93	9.66	
4e	1e	3a	49	104106	1703, 980	2.5—3.5 m	$C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_2S_2$	52.32	6.08	9.39	52.20	6.00	9.60	
4f	1a	3b	49	119120	2240, 959	2.6—3.6 m	$C_9H_9N_3S_2$	48.41	4.06	18.82	48.21	4.06	19.01	
4g	1b	3b	51	112-113	2239, 977	2.6—3.5 m	$C_{10}H_{11}N_3S_2$	50.61	4.67	17.70	50.58	4.56	17.84	
4h	1c	3b	49	131—132	2240, 950	2.6—3.6 m	$C_{10}^{10}H_{11}^{11}N_3S_2$	50.61	4.67	17.70	50.55	4.58	17.85	

a) Compounds 4a, b were obtained as colorless needles, 4c, e-g as colorless prisms, and 4d, h as colorless flakes.

TABLE IV. Some Data for 2-(Substituted ethylthio)pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridines

Commid							Analysis (%)						
Compd.		act.	Yield	mp	v (KBr)	Formula	Calcd			Found			
6 ^{a)}	4	5	(%)	(°C)	(- /		С	Н	N	С	Н	N	
6a	4a	5a	51	80	2217, 1722	$C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_2S$	56.71	4.76	15.26	56.64	4.94	15.07	
6b	4b	5a	53	104—105	2208, 1727	$C_{14}H_{15}N_3O_2S$	58.11	5.23	14.52	57.93	5.33	14.41	
6c	4c	5a	60	9394	2212, 1724	$C_{14}H_{15}N_3O_2S$	58.11	5.23	14.52	58.12	5.25	14.49	
6d	4d	5a	69	57	2210, 1718	$C_{15}H_{17}N_3O_2S$	59.39	5.65	13.85	59.32	5.57	13.84	
6e	4e	5a	67	92—93	2210, 1725	$C_{15}H_{17}N_3O_2S$	59.39	5.65	13.85	59.51	5.41	13.97	
6f	4f	5a	42	125—127	2245, 2220	$C_{11}H_8N_4S$	57.88	3.53	24.54	57.76	3.60	24.24	
6g	4g	5a	40	144—146	2246, 2212	$C_{12}H_{10}N_{4}S$	59.48	4.16	23.12	59.55	4.30	22.91	
6h	4h	5a	50	125—127	2242, 2211	$C_{12}^{12}H_{10}^{10}N_{4}^{2}S$	59.48	4.16	23.12	59.38	4.02	23.28	
6i	4a	5b	55	100-101	1725, 1685	$C_{15}H_{18}N_2O_4S$	55.89	5.63	8.69	55.70	5.63	8.66	
6 j	4b	5b	58	8081	1730, 1686	$C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_4S$	57.13	5.99	8.33	57.11	6.07	8.27	
6k	4c	5b	66	7273	1733, 1688	$C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_4S$	57.13	5.99	8.33	56.98	6.02	8.26	
6 1	4d	5b	54	53—54	1725, 1688	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_4S$	58.27	6.33	7.99	58.55	6.35	8.12	
6m	4e	5b	54	63—65	1721, 1690	$C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_4S$	58.27	6.33	7.99	58.11	6.15	8.10	
6n	4f	5b	60	95—96	2247, 1690	$C_{13}H_{13}N_3O_2S$	56.71	4.76	15.26	56.94	4.78	15.01	
6о	4g	5b	50	143—145	2238, 1670	$C_{14}H_{15}N_3O_2S$	58.11	5.23	14.52	58.21	5.14	14.51	
6р	4h	5b	75	117118	2239, 1688	$C_{14}H_{15}N_2O_2S$	58.11	5.23	14.52	58.20	5.35	14.30	

a) Compounds 6a—f, i, k—n, p were obtained as colorless needles, 6g, h, j as colorless flakes, and 60 as colorless prisms.

TABLE V. Some Data for Pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiols

Comnd								Analy	sis (%)		
Compd. 7 ^{a)}	React.	Yield (%)	mp (°C)	v (KBr)	Formula		Calcd	·	,	Found	
,		(70)	(0)			C	Н	N	С	H 2.88 2 3.79 2 3.77 2 4.23 2 4.51 2 4.65 1 5.30 1	N
7a	6a	77	134—136	2390, 2213	C ₈ H ₅ N ₃ S	54.84	2.88	23.98	55.02	2.88	23.79
	6f	69			0 3 3						
7b	6b	95	151—153	2471, 2211	$C_0H_7N_3S$	57.12	3.73	22.21	57.44	3.79	21.83
7c	6c	88	162—164	2430, 2213	$C_0H_7N_3S$	57.12	3.73	22.21	57.32		21.97
7d	6d	85	155—157	2520, 2219	$C_{10}H_9N_3S$	59.09	4.46	20.67	59.39		20.66
7e	6e	87	205-208	2440, 2217	$C_{10}^{10}H_9N_3S$	59.09	4.46	20.67	58.95		20.51
7 f	6i	68	101—103	2450, 1664	$C_{10}^{10}H_{10}N_{2}O_{2}S$	54.04	4.54	12.60	54.28		12.45
	6n	71		,	10 10 2 2						121.0
7g	6ј	60	8991	2500, 1663	$C_{11}H_{12}N_{2}O_{2}S$	55.91	5.12	11.86	55.99	5.30	12.01
7h	6k	83	8486	2485, 1663	$C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2S$	55.91	5.12	11.86	55.92		11.97
7i	61	91	7577	2480, 1662	$C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_2S$	57.58	5.64	11.19	57.80	5.76	10.89
7j	6m	77	103-105	2595, 1690	$C_{12}H_{14}N_2O_2S$	57.58	5.64	11.19	57.36	5.69	11.45

a) All compounds were obtained as colorless needles.

pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyridine-2-thiol derivatives 7a—j as colorless needles. In the reactions of 6a, c, f, n the generation of ethyl acrylate (3a) or acrylonitrile (3b) was confirmed by gas chromatographic monitoring. The results and some data are shown in Tables III and V.

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